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PATENT APPLICATION
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First Named Inventor: Galen M. Gareis

Title: Cable Separator Spline

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[] Applicant hereby petitions for a **One-month extension** and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the First month after the due date of November 27, 2003. The payment of \$110.00 to cover the one-month extension is enclosed herewith.

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
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This is in reply to the REJECTION of August 27, 2003.

Applicant is enclosing a substitute declaration.